

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 149  
By Todd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Brittany McGruder of Collierville on being chosen as a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Brittany McGruder, an energetic and respected young resident of Collierville, and a Sophomore at Collierville High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Award designation as a Distinguished Finalist; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, a highly intelligent and resourceful 15-year-old student and 4-H member of Shelby County, Ms. McGruder earned her designation as Distinguished Finalist by organizing a Saturday morning program to teach creative writing and library skills to third through fifth graders, thus instilling in them a love for reading; and

WHEREAS, she will receive an engraved bronze medallion for her outstanding community service, courtesy of Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Brittany McGruder epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State its nickname, "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. McGruder, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and honor Brittany McGruder of Collierville upon being designated as a 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Award Distinguished Finalist and recognize her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to her our best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.